

No. R-175. House concurrent resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Clarendon Elementary School Peace Garden.

(H.C.R.132)

Offered by: Representatives Potter of Clarendon, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Eastman of Orwell, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Helm of Fair Haven, McCoy of Poultney, Shaw of Pittsford, Tate of Mendon, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Whereas, in the 1990s, students at Clarendon Elementary School dreamed of establishing a peaceful place where everyone in the community would be welcomed, and

Whereas, part of the rationale for establishing a peace garden was to remind everyone that peace begins in the heart of each person, and

Whereas, as a first step, the students worked with wax to create a peace plaque intended to represent four different concepts of peace, and

Whereas, these concepts are: first, peace between nations; second, peace between nature and individual human beings; third, peace among each other; and fourth, peace within ourselves, and

Whereas, the students then planted a crabapple tree, to symbolize life, and daffodils, as a reminder to everyone to strive for more peaceful ways that do not harm others, especially innocent children, and

Whereas, Clarendon Elementary School students formally inaugurated their newly created peace garden on May 4, 1995, and

Whereas, during the last 20 years, Clarendon Elementary School's intergenerational community has worked together to nurture and preserve this natural place of peaceful beauty for all to enjoy, and

Whereas, May 4, 2015, marks the 20th anniversary of the Clarendon Elementary School Community Peace Garden, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 20th anniversary of the Clarendon Elementary School Peace Garden and expresses its hope that the garden will continue as a special place where visitors will experience an atmosphere of harmony, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Clarendon Elementary School.